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Letter dated 26 August 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued by the Government of the State of Kuwait on the act promulgated by the Islamic Republic of Iran on 27 May 1993 concerning the delimitation of its marine areas:

"On 27 May 1993 the Islamic Republic of Iran promulgated an act concerning the delimitation of its marine areas. The State of Kuwait does not contest in any way the right of the Islamic Republic of Iran to delimit its marine areas, but;

"Considering that the law contains provisions which run counter to the principles of international maritime law, in particular the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which requires States to fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed under the Convention and to exercise the rights, jurisdiction and freedoms recognized in the Convention in a manner which will not constitute an abuse of right; and

"Considering further that the principles of international law require any State signatory to an international convention or bound by it to refrain from any act running counter to the object or purpose of the Convention;

"The State of Kuwait does not consider itself bound by any law running counter to the provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea."

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 7, 10 and 39.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative